STATISTICAL TABLES OF A SURVEY OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE BLIND RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON, D. C., MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD. AND PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD.

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6 - 14	3.7	90
15 - 24	8.4	202
25 - 44	18.3	440
45 - 64	22.8	549
65 and over	44.2	1,066
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Year	Total Population**	Rate per 1,000 Population	Number of Blind Persons
1950	807,000	2.81	2,268
1952	828,000	2.81	2,327
1954	849,000	2.81	2,386
1955	853,000	2.81	2,397

*Based on Dr. Hurlin's formula described in his publication Estimated Prevalence of Blindness in the United States; American Foundation for the Blind, New York, 1953.

**Based on the 1950, 1952, 1954, and 1955 revised Census population estimates including persons in the Armed Forces stationed in the District of Columbia, United States Bureau of the Census, Washington, D. C.

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Age group	Percent of total blind population	Estimated number of blind persons*
Under 6.....	.8	20
6 - 14.....	2.1	50
15 - 24.....	5.7	140
25 - 44.....	18.0	440
45 - 64.....	26.2	640
65 and over.....	46.0	1,110
Total.....	98.8	2,440

*Based on Dr. Hurlin's data for the State of North Carolina, June 30, 1952. Ralph G. Hurlin, Estimated Prevalence of Blindness in the United States; American Foundation for the Blind, New York, 1953. The 1955 civilian census population figures were used.

Table 3.--COMPARISON OF ESTIMATED AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLIND POPULATION OF WASHINGTON, D. C., WITH ACTUAL AGE DISTRIBUTION, APRIL 1956

Age group	Estimate of incidence of blindness in Washington, D. C.*		Total blind persons covered by this survey**	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 6.....	20	.8	51	5.8
6 - 14.....	50	2.1	45	5.0
15 - 24.....	140	5.7	36	4.0
25 - 44.....	440	18.0	156	17.6
45 - 64.....	635	26.2	316	35.6
65 and over.....	1,107	46.0	263	29.7
Unknown.....	--	--	20	2.3
Total.....	2,440	98.8	887	100.0

*Based on Dr. Hurlin's data for the State of North Carolina, June 30, 1952. Ralph G. Hurlin, Estimated Prevalence of Blindness in the United States; American Foundation for the Blind, New York, 1953. The 1955 civilian census population figures were used.

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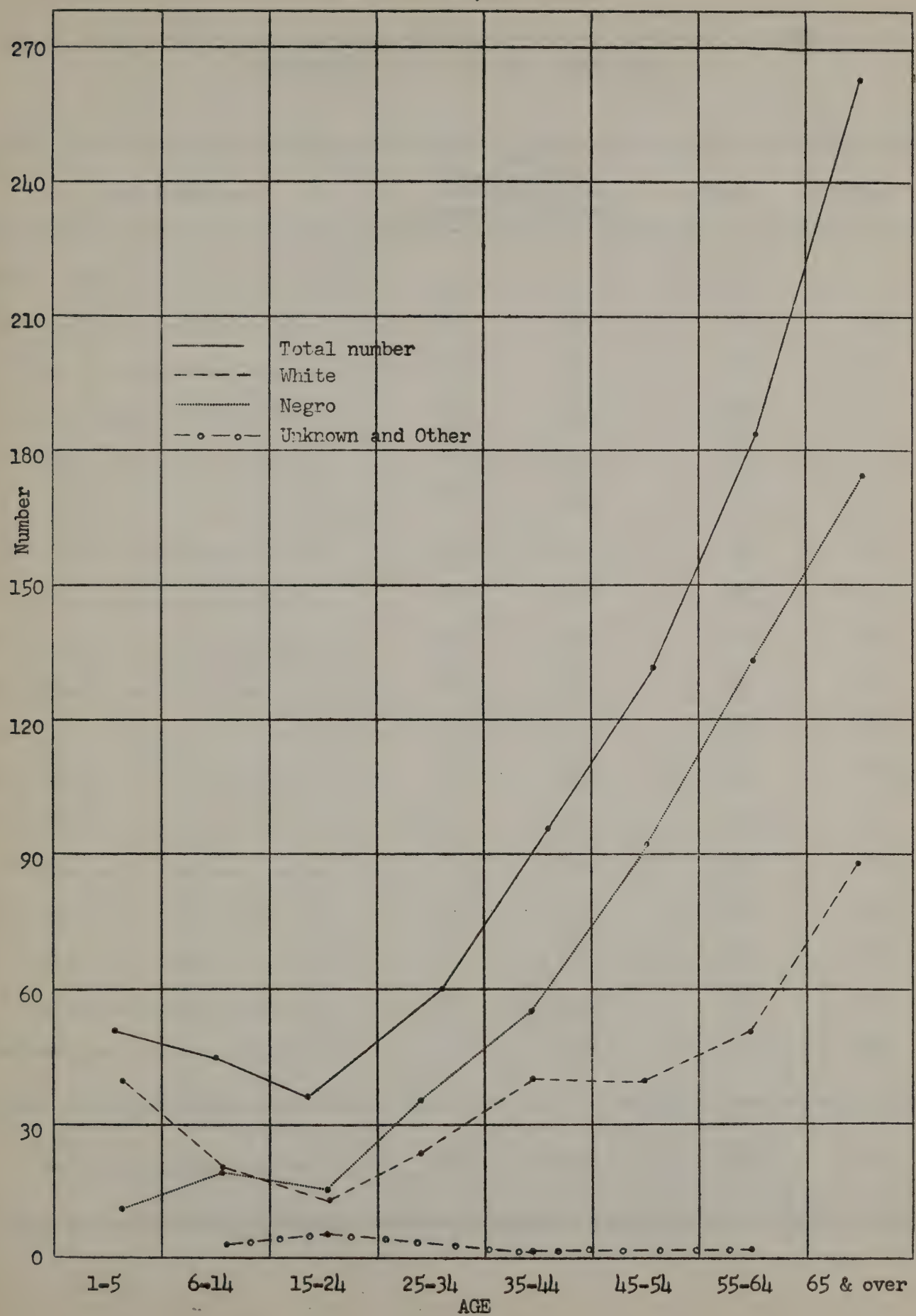

Table 5.--AGE GROUP OF 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY SEX, APRIL 1956

Age group	Total blind persons		Male	Female
	Number	Percent		
Under 1 year.....	--	--	--	--
1 - 2.....	18	2.0	8	10
3 - 5.....	33	3.7	16	17
6 - 14.....	45	5.1	27	18
15 - 18.....	20	2.3	13	7
19 - 24.....	16	1.8	8	8
25 - 29.....	23	2.6	14	9
30 - 34.....	37	4.2	23	14
35 - 39.....	40	4.5	25	15
40 - 44.....	56	6.3	27	29
45 - 49.....	58	6.5	31	27
50 - 54.....	74	8.3	47	27
55 - 59.....	91	10.3	49	42
60 - 64.....	93	10.5	38	55
65 - 69.....	74	8.3	32	42
70 - 74.....	58	6.5	29	29
75 and over.....	131	14.8	46	85
Unknown.....	20	2.3	6	14
Total.....	887	100.0	439	448

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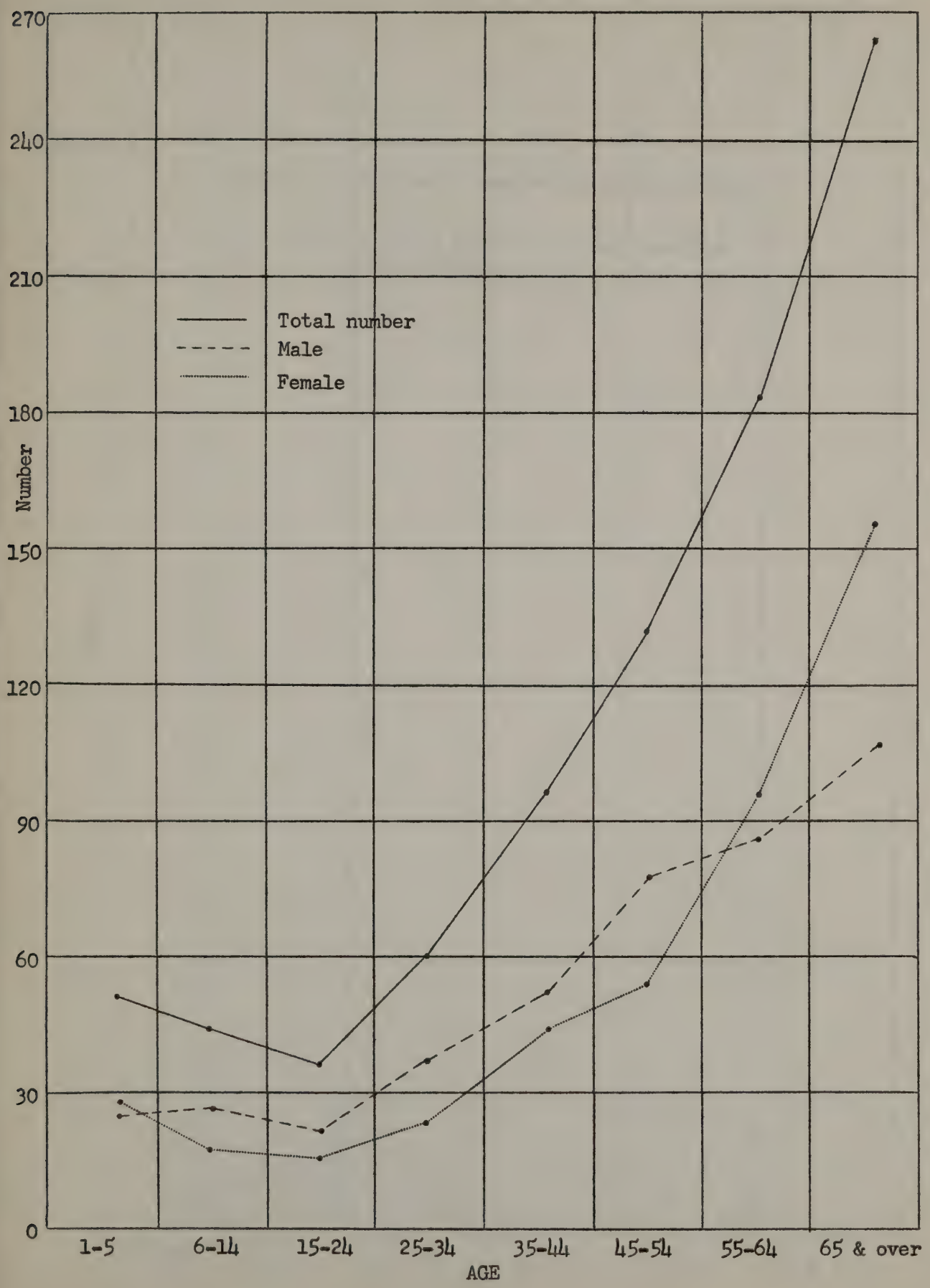

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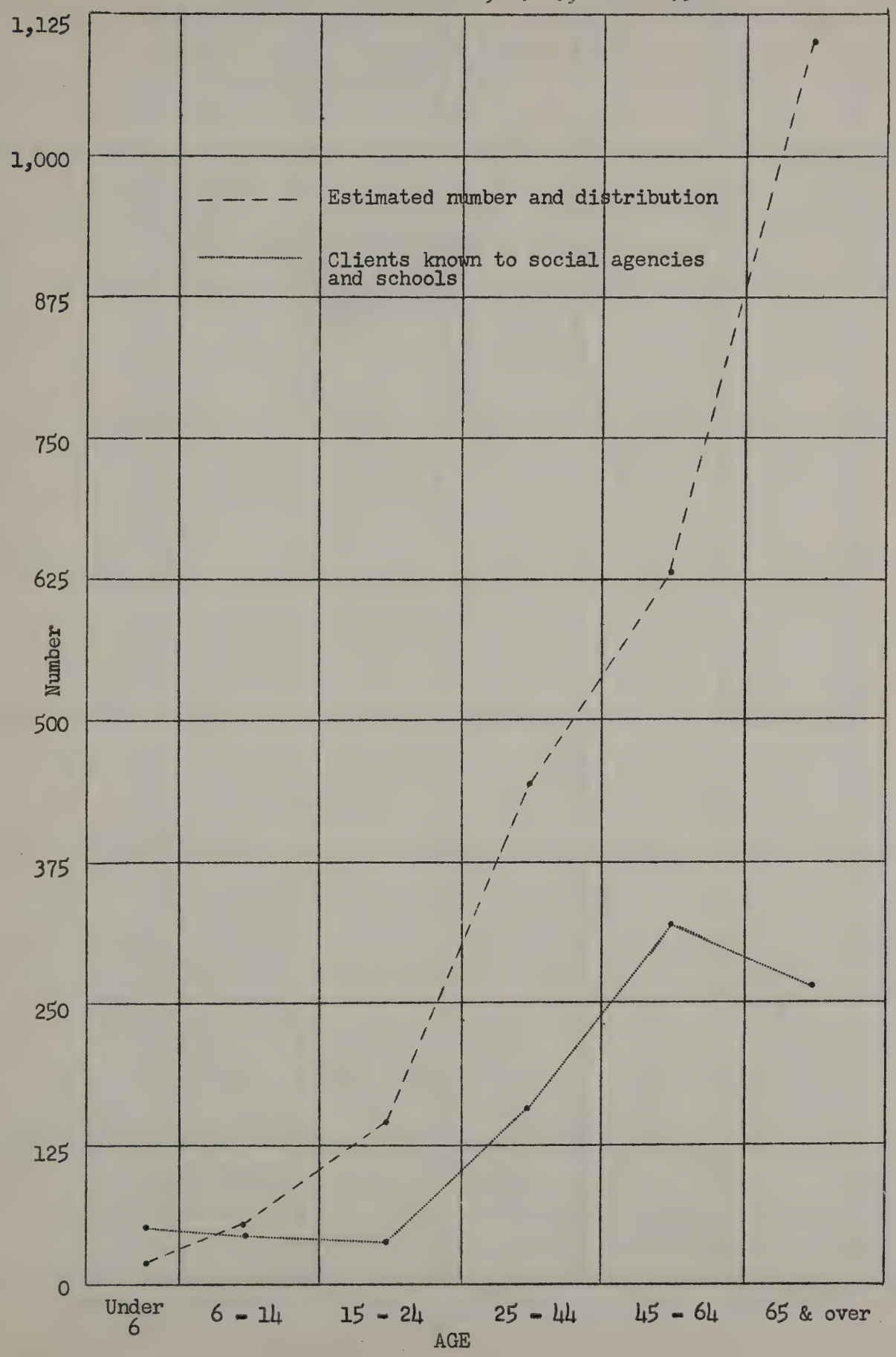

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Marital status	Total blind clients		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Single.....	193	25.1	84	50	34	108	51	57	1	1	--
Married.....	221	28.7	83	61	22	138	89	49	--	--	--
Widowed.....	211	27.4	57	13	44	154	44	110	--	--	--
Divorced.....	18	2.3	11	8	3	7	5	2	--	--	--
Separated.....	94	12.2	16	9	7	78	29	49	--	--	--
Other.....	5	.7	--	--	--	5	4	1	--	--	--
Unknown.....	28	3.6	10	2	8	17	6	11	1	--	1
Total.....	770	100.0	261	143	118	507	228	279	2	1	1

Table 9.--AGE GROUP OF 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Age group	Total blind persons		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Under 1 year.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1 - 2.....	18	2.0	13	7	6	5	1	4	--	--	--
3 - 5.....	33	3.7	27	12	15	6	4	2	--	--	--
6 - 14.....	45	5.1	21	9	12	20	15	5	4	3	1
15 - 18.....	20	2.3	5	3	2	10	5	5	5	5	--
19 - 24.....	16	1.8	9	4	5	6	3	3	1	1	--
25 - 29.....	23	2.6	11	6	5	12	8	4	--	--	--
30 - 34.....	37	4.2	13	8	5	24	15	9	--	--	--
35 - 39.....	40	4.5	19	13	6	20	12	8	1	--	1
40 - 44.....	56	6.3	21	12	9	35	15	20	--	--	--
45 - 49.....	58	6.5	13	8	5	45	23	22	--	--	--
50 - 54.....	74	8.3	27	20	7	47	27	20	--	--	--
55 - 59.....	91	10.3	24	18	6	66	30	36	1	1	--
60 - 64.....	93	10.5	26	11	15	67	27	40	--	--	--
65 - 69.....	74	8.3	15	8	7	59	24	35	--	--	--
70 - 74.....	58	6.5	21	14	7	37	15	22	--	--	--
75 and over.....	131	14.8	52	19	33	79	27	52	--	--	--
Unknown.....	20	2.3	10	3	7	10	3	7	--	--	--
Total.....	887	100.0	327	175	152	548	254	294	12	10	2

Table 10.--AGE GROUP OF 770 BLIND PERSONS OVER AGE FIFTEEN NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL, KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY MARITAL STATUS, APRIL 1956

Age group	Total blind persons		Marital status						
	Number	Percent	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Other	Unknown
15 - 18 years.....	2	0.3	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
19 - 24.....	13	1.7	10	1	--	2	--	--	--
25 - 29.....	23	3.0	17	5	--	--	1	--	--
30 - 34.....	37	4.8	15	17	2	1	2	--	--
35 - 39.....	40	5.2	15	16	1	1	6	--	1
40 - 44.....	56	7.3	10	27	5	2	11	1	--
45 - 49.....	58	7.5	16	25	5	1	9	1	1
50 - 54.....	74	9.6	17	24	8	5	17	2	1
55 - 59.....	91	11.8	19	30	22	3	15	1	1
60 - 64.....	93	12.1	17	24	37	2	13	--	--
65 - 69.....	74	9.6	14	22	30	--	6	--	2
70 - 74.....	58	7.5	18	10	22	1	5	--	2
75 and over.....	131	17.0	22	17	78	2	7	--	5
Unknown.....	20	2.6	1	3	1	--	--	--	15
Total.....	770	100.0	193	221	211	20	92	5	28

Table 11.--EMPLOYABILITY OF 770 BLIND CLIENTS OVER AGE FIFTEEN NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL, KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY AGE, APRIL 1956

Age group	Total blind clients		Employability		
	Number	Percent	Employable	Unemployable	Unknown
15 - 18 years.....	2	.3	2	--	--
19 - 24.....	13	1.7	10	2	1
25 - 29.....	23	3.0	20	3	--
30 - 34.....	37	4.8	30	3	4
35 - 39.....	40	5.2	31	7	2
40 - 44.....	56	7.3	35	17	4
45 - 49.....	58	7.5	35	21	2
50 - 54.....	74	9.6	37	29	8
55 - 59.....	91	11.8	25	60	6
60 - 64.....	93	12.1	17	73	3
65 - 69.....	74	9.6	9	64	1
70 - 74.....	58	7.5	4	52	2
75 and over.....	131	17.0	1	129	1
Unknown.....	20	2.6	2	3	15
Total.....	770	100.0	258	463	49

Table 12.--EMPLOYABILITY OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Employability	Total blind clients		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Employable.....	258	33.5	125	88	37	132	86	46	1	--	1
Unemployable.....	463	60.1	123	52	71	340	123	217	--	--	--
Unknown.....	49	6.4	13	3	10	35	19	16	1	1	--
Total.....	770	100.0	261	143	118	507	228	279	2	1	1

Table 13.--MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BY MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, APRIL 1956

Major employment status	Total blind clients		Major type of employment							
	Number	Percent	Sheltered workshop	Home industries	Competitive employment	Self-employed	Housewife	Student	Other	Unknown
Employed full time.....	110	42.7	32	--	77	1	--	--	--	--
Employed part time.....	30	11.6	10	2	9	9	--	--	--	--
Unemployed.....	103	39.9	15	3	15	2	--	--	--	68
Housewife.....	6	2.3	--	1	--	1	3	--	1	--
Student.....	7	2.7	--	--	--	--	--	7	--	--
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	2	.8	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1
Total.....	258	100.0	57	7	101	13	3	7	1	69

Table 14.--MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Major employment status	Total blind clients		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Employed full time.....	110	42.7	78	59	19	31	24	7	1	--	1
Employed part time.....	30	11.6	12	7	5	18	17	1	--	--	--
Unemployed.....	103	39.9	26	19	7	77	43	34	--	--	--
Housewife.....	6	2.3	4	--	4	2	--	2	--	--	--
Student.....	7	2.7	5	3	2	2	--	2	--	--	--
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	2	.8	--	--	--	2	2	--	--	--	--
Total.....	258	100.0	125	88	37	132	86	46	1	--	1

Comment: Of the 770 adult blind clients studied, 463 or 60% were not considered employable. The employment status of 49 others was unknown. It also should be noted that only 140 of the employable blind clients were working at the time of the survey.

Table 15.--MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY SEX, APRIL 1956

Major type of employment	Total blind clients		Male	Female
	Number	Percent		
Sheltered workshop.....	57	22.1	39	18
Home industries.....	7	2.7	2	5
Competitive employment.....	101	39.2	78	23
Self-employment.....	13	5.0	11	2
Housewife.....	3	1.2	--	3
Student.....	7	2.7	3	4
Other.....	1	.4	--	1
Unknown.....	69	26.7	41	28
Total.....	258	100.0	174	84

Note: Of 258 adult blind clients known to and considered employable by social agencies in Washington, D. C., 153 were employed in April 1956. See Table 18.

Table 16.--MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Major type of employment	Total blind clients		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Sheltered workshop.....	57	22.1	17	8	9	40	31	9	--	--	--
Home industries...	7	2.7	2	1	1	5	1	4	--	--	--
Competitive employment.....	101	39.2	74	59	15	26	19	7	1	--	1
Self-employed.....	13	5.0	7	5	2	6	6	--	--	--	--
Housewife.....	3	1.2	3	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--
Student.....	7	2.7	5	3	2	2	--	2	--	--	--
Other.....	1	.4	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	--
Unknown.....	69	26.7	17	12	5	52	29	23	--	--	--
Total.....	258	100.0	125	88	37	132	86	46	1	--	1

Table 17.--MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY SEX, APRIL 1956

Major employment status	Total blind clients		Male	Female
	Number	Percent		
Employed full time.....	110	42.7	83	27
Employed part time.....	30	11.6	24	6
Unemployed.....	103	39.9	62	41
Housewife.....	6	2.3	--	6
Student.....	7	2.7	3	4
Other.....	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	2	.8	2	--
Total.....	258	100.0	174	84

Comment: Of the 770 adult blind clients studied, 463 or 60% were not considered employable. The employment status of 49 others was unknown.

Table 18.--MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT OF 153 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS WHO ARE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED, KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY SEX, APRIL 1956

Major type of employment	Total blind clients		Male	Female
	Number	Percent		
Sheltered workshop.....	42	27.4	29	13
Home industries.....	3	2.0	1	2
Competitive employment.....	86	56.2	68	18
Self-employed.....	11	7.2	9	2
Housewife.....	3	2.0	--	3
Student.....	7	4.6	3	4
Other.....	1	.6	--	1
Unknown.....	--	--	--	--
Total.....	153	100.0	110	43

Table 19.--MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS WHEN EMPLOYED, KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BY DEGREE OF VISION, APRIL 1956

Major type of employment	Total blind clients		Degree of vision							
	Number	Percent	Absolute blindness	Light perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-9/200	10/200-19/200	20/200	Restricted field (under 20°)	Unknown
Sheltered workshop.....	57	22.1	8	9	7	5	1	12	14	1
Home industries.....	7	2.7	1	2	1	--	--	--	--	3
Competitive employment...	101	39.2	31	12	19	11	3	8	11	6
Self-employed.....	13	5.0	5	2	--	1	1	--	3	1
Housewife.....	3	1.2	1	--	1		--	1	--	
Student.....	7	2.7	--	--	1		1	1	3	1
Other.....	1	.4	--	--	--		--	1	--	--
Unknown.....	69	26.7	11	13	7	3	5	5	23	2
Total.....	258	100.0	57	38	36	20	11	28	54	14

Comment: Of the 770 adult blind clients studied, 258 or 34% were considered employable. Of this number, only 140 were employed at the time this survey was conducted.

Table 20.--DEGREE OF VISION OF 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY AGE, APRIL 1956

Age group	Total blind persons		Degree of vision							
	Number	Percent	Absolute blindness	Light perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-9/200	10/200-19/200	20/200	Restricted field (under 20°)	Unknown
Under 1 year	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1 - 2	18	2.0	7	3	--	--	--	--	--	8
3 - 5	33	3.7	9	13	--	--	--	--	--	11
6 - 14	45	5.1	5	4	1	3	3	12	2	15
15 - 18	20	2.3	1	--	--	--	3	3	3	10
19 - 24	16	1.8	2	2	2	1	--	3	3	3
25 - 29	23	2.6	5	5	1	2	1	--	5	4
30 - 34	37	4.2	9	6	4	1	1	5	9	2
35 - 39	40	4.5	6	12	4	1	3	3	4	7
40 - 44	56	6.3	10	12	6	7	2	4	6	9
45 - 49	58	6.5	19	7	5	4	--	6	10	7
50 - 54	74	8.3	22	11	7	6	2	7	7	12
55 - 59	91	10.3	25	15	15	3	4	7	9	13
60 - 64	93	10.5	25	14	12	--	6	18	9	9
65 - 69	74	8.3	22	16	5	3	3	8	2	15
70 - 74	58	6.5	20	15	2	1	4	2	2	12
75 and over	131	14.8	48	31	10	5	9	6	1	21
Unknown	20	2.3	2	--	--	1	--	4	4	9
Total	887	100.0	237	166	74	38	41	88	76	167

Table 21.--MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BY DEGREE OF VISION, APRIL 1956

Major employment status	Total blind clients		Degree of vision							
	Number	Percent	Absolute blindness	Light perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-9/200	10/200-19/200	20/200	Restricted field (under 20°)	Unknown
Employed full time.....	110	42.7	32	12	16	12	4	14	15	5
Employed part time.....	30	11.6	8	6	2	1	--	1	8	4
Unemployed.....	103	39.9	16	19	14	7	6	10	27	4
Housewife.....	6	2.3	1	--	2	--	--	2	1	--
Student.....	7	2.7	--	--	1	--	1	1	3	1
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	2	.8	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--
Total.....	258	100.0	57	38	36	20	11	28	54	14

Comment: Of the 770 adult blind clients studied, 463 or 60% were not considered employable. The employment status of 49 was unknown.

Table 22.--DEGREE OF VISION OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY EMPLOYABILITY, APRIL 1956

Degree of vision	Total blind clients		Employability		
	Number	Percent	Employable	Unemployable	Unknown
Absolute blindness.....	215	27.9	57	144	14
Light perception only.....	146	19.0	38	106	2
Motion perception up to 5/200.....	73	9.5	36	35	2
5/200 - 9/200.....	35	4.5	20	12	3
10/200 - 19/200.....	35	4.5	11	23	1
20/200.....	73	9.5	28	39	6
Restricted field under 20°.....	72	9.4	54	16	2
Unknown.....	121	15.7	14	88	19
Total.....	770	100.0	258	463	49

Table 23.--DEGREE OF VISION OF 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Degree of vision in better eye	Total blind persons		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Absolute blindness.....	237	27.0	80	49	31	156	75	81	1	1	--
Light perception only.....	166	18.7	51	23	28	115	48	67	--	--	--
Motion perception up to 5/200.....	74	8.3	24	18	6	50	23	27	--	--	--
5/200 - 9/200.....	38	4.2	19	11	8	19	12	7	--	--	--
10/200 - 19/200...	41	4.6	14	11	3	27	10	17	--	--	--
20/200.....	88	9.9	27	14	13	61	25	36	--	--	--
Restricted field (under 20°).....	76	8.5	39	17	22	37	23	14	--	--	--
Unknown.....	167	18.8	73	32	41	83	38	45	11	9	2
Total.....	887	100.0	327	175	152	548	254	294	12	10	2

Comment: The fact that 647 or 73% of the 887 blind persons known to social agencies and schools in Washington, D. C. had some residual vision, underscores the importance of appropriate medical services designated to maximize the usefulness of this precious facility.

Table 24.--OPHTHALMOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SCHOOLS AND SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Ophthalmological examination	Total blind persons		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Examination made by ophthalmologist.	726	81.8	258	142	116	467	221	246	1	1	--
Examination made by optometrist.....	5	0.6	3	1	2	2	--	2	--	--	--
Examination made by other type doctor.....	19	2.1	8	2	6	11	5	6	--	--	--
Unknown.....	137	15.5	58	30	28	68	28	40	11	9	2
Total.....	887	100.0	327	175	152	548	254	294	12	10	2

Table 25.--YEAR OF LAST OPHTHALMOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Year	Total blind persons		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1955 - 1956.....	286	32.2	87	47	40	199	98	101	--	--	--
1953 - 1954.....	143	16.2	63	28	35	80	41	39	--	--	--
1951 - 1952.....	83	9.4	34	17	17	49	25	24	--	--	--
1949 - 1950.....	44	5.0	13	5	8	31	13	18	--	--	--
1947 - 1948.....	43	4.8	8	6	2	34	11	23	1	1	--
1945 - 1946.....	24	2.7	13	9	4	11	4	7	--	--	--
1943 - 1944.....	14	1.6	10	6	4	4	3	1	--	--	--
1941 - 1942.....	25	2.8	6	4	2	19	8	11	--	--	--
1939 - 1940.....	18	2.0	7	5	2	11	3	8	--	--	--
Prior to 1939.....	57	6.4	21	17	4	36	21	15	--	--	--
Unknown.....	150	16.9	65	31	34	74	27	47	11	9	2
Total.....	887	100.0	347	175	152	548	254	294	12	10	2

Table 26.--HEARING EXAMINATIONS OF 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY AGE, APRIL 1956

Hearing examination	Total blind persons		Age group by years								
	Number	Percent	1-5	6-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	Unknown
Has had a hearing examination.....	186	21.0	--	6	11	19	31	35	23	59	2
Has not had a hearing examination.....	227	25.6	43	24	12	23	32	33	34	25	1
Unknown.....	474	53.4	8	15	13	18	33	64	127	179	17
Total.....	887	100.0	51	45	36	60	96	132	184	263	20

Table 27.--HEARING EXAMINATIONS OF 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Hearing examination	Total blind persons		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Has had a hearing examination.....	186	21.0	108	68	40	78	37	41	--	--	--
Has not had a hearing examination.....	227	25.6	107	52	55	119	70	49	1	--	1
Unknown.....	474	53.4	112	55	57	351	147	204	11	10	1
Total.....	887	100.0	327	175	152	548	254	294	12	10	2

Table 28.--CHRONOLOGICAL AGE OF 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY AGE AT ONSET OF BLINDNESS, APRIL 1956

Chronological age	Total blind persons		Age group at onset of blindness																		
	Number	Percent	At birth	Under 1 yr.	1-2	3-5	6-14	15-18	19-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75 & over	Unknown
Under 1 yr. ..	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1 - 2.....	18	2.0	1	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
3 - 5.....	33	3.7	2	28	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
6 - 14.....	45	5.1	9	17	4	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11
15 - 18.....	20	2.3	3	1	1	2	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10
19 - 24.....	16	1.8	9	--	--	1	2	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
25 - 29.....	23	2.6	6	1	--	--	2	4	6	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
30 - 34.....	37	4.2	5	1	--	2	3	3	11	4	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5
35 - 39.....	40	4.5	10	2	1	--	2	--	3	10	2	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6
40 - 44.....	56	6.3	9	--	1	2	4	2	2	5	5	11	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11
45 - 49.....	58	6.5	2	2	--	2	6	4	4	6	4	4	7	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	12
50 - 54.....	74	8.3	6	1	2	2	8	--	3	5	5	7	7	9	8	--	--	--	--	--	11
55 - 59.....	91	10.3	1	2	2	--	3	1	3	3	3	14	5	9	11	10	--	--	--	--	24
60 - 64.....	93	10.5	1	--	--	--	5	1	1	1	1	5	6	7	12	20	8	--	--	--	25
65 - 69.....	74	8.3	1	--	1	--	4	--	2	--	1	4	2	1	6	8	12	7	--	--	25
70 - 74.....	58	6.5	1	1	--	1	2	--	--	--	2	--	2	--	5	8	7	2	5	--	22
75 and over...	131	14.8	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	2	2	5	4	5	3	7	14	13	18	55
Unknown.....	20	2.3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19
Total....	887	100.0	68	72	13	17	44	16	36	37	28	51	38	35	47	49	34	23	18	18	243

Table 29.--AGE WHEN DEFECTIVE VISION WAS FIRST DIAGNOSED FOR 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY SEX, APRIL 1956

Age defective vision first diagnosed	Total blind persons		Male	Female
	Number	Percent		
At birth	68	7.6	35	33
Under 1 year	72	8.1	34	38
1 - 2	13	1.5	7	6
3 - 5	17	1.9	11	6
6 - 14	44	5.0	28	16
15 - 18	16	1.8	11	5
19 - 24	36	4.1	20	16
25 - 29	37	4.2	20	17
30 - 34	28	3.2	18	10
35 - 39	51	5.7	30	21
40 - 44	38	4.3	20	18
45 - 49	35	4.0	18	17
50 - 54	47	5.3	23	24
55 - 59	49	5.5	25	24
60 - 64	34	3.8	16	18
65 - 69	23	2.6	9	14
70 - 74	18	2.0	6	12
75 and over	18	2.0	7	11
Unknown	243	27.4	101	142
Total	887	100.0	439	448

Table 30.--DEGREE OF VISION OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY AGE AT ONSET OF BLINDNESS, APRIL 1956

Age group at onset of blindness	Total blind clients		Degree of vision							
	Number	Percent	Absolute blindness	Light perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-9/200	10/200-19/200	20/200	Restricted field (under 20°)	Unknown
At birth	55	7.2	11	7	4	5	4	7	15	2
Under 1 year	10	1.3	6	--	1	--	--	1	1	1
1 - 2	7	0.9	1	3	--	2	--	--	--	1
3 - 5	10	1.3	7	--	--	1	--	2	--	--
6 - 14	41	5.3	11	10	7	3	--	2	6	2
15 - 18	15	2.0	3	1	--	3	2	2	2	2
19 - 24	36	4.7	12	8	5	3	2	2	3	1
25 - 29	37	4.8	17	8	4	2	1	--	3	2
30 - 34	28	3.6	7	6	1	1	1	1	5	6
35 - 39	51	6.6	18	11	6	2	2	6	3	3
40 - 44	38	4.9	9	12	4	3	1	4	3	2
45 - 49	35	4.6	5	7	4	1	4	3	7	4
50 - 54	47	6.1	13	7	5	--	2	8	8	4
55 - 59	49	6.4	11	9	5	4	5	3	5	7
60 - 64	34	4.4	10	5	6	--	--	5	2	6
65 - 69	23	3.0	9	7	1	2	2	1	--	1
70 - 74	18	2.3	10	2	2	2	1	--	1	--
75 and over	18	2.3	6	3	3	--	2	--	--	4
Unknown	218	28.3	49	40	15	1	6	26	8	73
Total	770	100.0	215	146	73	35	35	73	72	121

Table 31.--INCIDENCE OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES IN ADDITION TO BLINDNESS OF 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY AGE, APRIL 1956

Type of physical or mental disability	Total blind persons		Age group by years								
	Number	Percent	1-5	6-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 & over	Unknown
Respiratory system.....	21	2.8	--	2	1	1	2	3	8	4	--
Blood and blood-forming organs.....	7	0.9	--	--	--	1	1	--	1	4	--
Heart and circulation...	138	18.2	--	--	1	1	4	12	37	83	--
Skeleton and muscles....	65	8.6	1	--	--	4	3	13	20	24	--
Brain and nervous system.....	53	7.0	3	3	2	5	7	8	12	12	1
Digestive system.....	15	2.0	1	2	--	--	3	2	4	3	--
Reproductive system.....	16	2.1	--	--	--	--	2	3	7	4	--
Ear.....	43	5.8	--	--	1	4	--	4	10	24	--
Mental deficiency and retardation.....	55	7.2	7	12	7	6	10	8	2	3	--
Emotional disorder.....	8	1.0	1	--	--	1	--	2	2	2	--
Psychosis.....	71	9.4	--	--	--	--	4	4	14	48	1
Diabetes.....	69	9.1	--	--	--	1	5	7	27	29	--
Senility.....	13	1.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	--
Other.....	17	2.2	3	1	1	2	1	--	4	5	--
Unknown.....	167	22.0	2	5	8	4	6	21	40	65	16
Total.....	592*	100.0	18	25	21	30	48	87	188	323	18

*Of the 887 blind persons studied, 592 were reported as having physical or mental disabilities in addition to blindness.

Table 32.--INCIDENCE OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES IN ADDITION TO BLINDNESS OF 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Type of physical or mental disability	Total number of persons with disability	Percent of total persons studied	White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
			Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Respiratory system.....	21	2.4	12	8	4	9	6	3	--	--	--
Blood and blood-forming organs.....	7	0.8	2	--	2	5	2	3	--	--	--
Heart and circulation...	138	15.6	41	15	26	97	28	69	--	--	--
Skeleton and muscles....	65	7.3	21	11	10	44	20	24	--	--	--
Brain and nervous system.....	53	6.0	20	11	9	32	16	16	1	1	--
Digestive system.....	15	1.7	7	2	5	8	3	5	--	--	--
Reproductive system.....	16	1.8	2	1	1	14	10	4	--	--	--
Ear.....	43	4.8	21	7	14	22	9	13	--	--	--
Mental deficiency and retardation.....	55	6.2	29	15	14	26	13	13	--	--	--
Emotional disorder.....	8	0.9	6	4	2	2	--	2	--	--	--
Psychosis.....	71	8.0	23	10	13	48	19	29	--	--	--
Diabetes.....	69	7.8	10	5	5	59	11	48	--	--	--
Senility.....	13	1.5	8	4	4	5	1	4	--	--	--
Other.....	17	1.9	8	3	5	9	3	6	--	--	--
Unknown.....	167	18.8	28	10	18	129	62	67	10	9	1
Total.....	592*	85.5	238	106	132	509	203	306	11	10	1

*Of the 887 blind persons studied, 592 were reported as having physical or mental disabilities in addition to blindness.

Table 33.--INCIDENCE OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES IN ADDITION TO BLINDNESS OF 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY DEGREE OF VISION, APRIL 1956

Type of physical or mental disability	Total number of persons with disability	Degree of vision							
		Absolute blindness	Light perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-9/200	10/200-19/200	20/200	Restricted field (under 20°)	Unknown
Respiratory system.....	21	3	3	4	2	2	--	5	2
Blood and blood-forming organs.....	7	4	1	--	1	--	--	--	1
Heart and circulation....	138	46	30	9	3	2	15	8	25
Skeleton and muscles.....	65	18	15	5	2	2	7	6	10
Brain and nervous system.....	53	17	11	2	1	2	3	3	14
Digestive system.....	15	3	3	1	--	1	4	1	2
Reproductive system.....	16	6	4	--	--	--	2	1	3
Ear.....	43	22	7	1	1	2	4	1	5
Mental deficiency and retardation.....	55	9	4	1	--	1	4	1	35
Emotional disorder.....	8	5	1	--	--	1	--	1	--
Psychosis.....	71	40	24	--	--	1	--	2	4
Diabetes.....	69	19	13	11	--	--	2	5	19
Senility.....	13	7	2	--	--	1	--	--	3
Other.....	17	3	4	1	1	3	1	2	2
Unknown.....	167	26	26	23	6	13	23	9	41
Total.....	592*	228	148	58	17	31	65	45	166

*Of the 887 blind persons studied, 592 were reported as having physical or mental disabilities in addition to blindness.

Table 34.--INCIDENCE OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES IN ADDITION TO BLINDNESS OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS, APRIL 1956

Type of physical or mental disability	Total clients with disability	Major employment status						
		Employed full time	Employed part time	Unemployed	Housewife	Student	Other	Unknown
Respiratory system	5	--	--	5	--	--	--	--
Blood and blood-forming organs	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Heart and circulation	10	3	2	5	--	--	--	--
Skeleton and muscles	15	2	3	10	--	--	--	--
Brain and nervous system	11	2	3	4	--	2	--	--
Digestive system	5	1	--	4	--	--	--	--
Reproductive system	3	--	--	3	--	--	--	--
Ear	7	1	1	4	1	--	--	--
Mental deficiency and retardation	5	--	1	3	1	--	--	--
Emotional disorder	2	--	--	2	--	--	--	--
Psychosis	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Diabetes	9	--	2	7	--	--	--	--
Senility	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	3	--	--	2	1	--	--	--
Unknown	23	8	2	9	3	--	--	1
Total	92*	17	14	60	6	2	--	1

*Of the 258 employable blind clients studied, 92 were reported as having physical or mental disabilities in addition to blindness.

Table 35.--INCIDENCE OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES IN ADDITION TO BLINDNESS OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, APRIL 1956

Type of physical or mental disability	Total clients with disability	Major type of employment							
		Sheltered workshop	Home industries	Competitive employment	Self-employed	House-wife	Student	Other	Un-known
Respiratory system.....	5	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	2
Blood & blood-forming organs...	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Heart and circulation.....	10	3	--	2	--	--	--	--	5
Skeleton and muscles.....	15	2	--	4	2	--	--	--	7
Brain and nervous system.....	11	3	--	3	--	--	2	--	3
Digestive system.....	5	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	2
Reproductive system.....	3	1	--	2	--	--	--	--	--
Ear.....	7	1	1	2	1	--	--	--	2
Mental deficiency and retardation.....	5	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	2
Emotional disorder.....	2	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1
Psychosis.....	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Diabetes.....	9	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	5
Senility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other.....	3	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	1
Unknown.....	23	7	--	7	--	2	--	1	6
Total.....	92*	20	8	24	5	2	2	1	38

*Of the 258 employable blind clients studied, 92 were reported as having physical or mental disabilities in addition to blindness.

Table 36.--EDUCATION OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Extent of education	Total blind clients		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
None	40	5.2	9	4	5	31	16	15	--	--	--
4 yrs. or less	91	11.8	11	6	5	79	33	46	1	1	--
Completed 5-8 years	186	24.2	59	41	18	127	55	72	--	--	--
Attended or graduated high school (9-12 yrs.)	147	19.1	83	44	39	63	37	26	1	--	1
Attended or graduated college	45	5.8	32	26	6	13	11	2	--	--	--
Other	1	0.1	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown	260	33.8	66	22	44	194	76	118	--	--	--
Total	770	100.0	261	143	118	507	228	279	2	1	1

Table 37.--EDUCATION OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY EMPLOYABILITY, APRIL 1956

Education	Total blind clients		Employability		
	Number	Percent	Employable	Unemployable	Unknown
None.....	40	5.2	4	36	--
4 years or less.....	91	11.8	15	73	3
Completed 5-8 years.....	186	24.2	75	104	7
Attended or graduated high school (9-12 yrs.).....	147	19.1	100	43	4
Attended or graduated college.....	45	5.8	33	10	2
Other.....	1	.1	--	1	--
Unknown.....	260	33.8	31	196	33
Total.....	770	100.0	258	463	49

Table 38.--EDUCATION OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BY MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS, APRIL 1956

Extent of education	Total blind clients		Major employment status						
	Number	Percent	Employed full time	Employed part time	Unemployed	Housewife	Student	Other	Unknown
None	4	1.5	1	--	3	--	--	--	--
4 years or less	15	5.8	1	3	11	--	--	--	--
Completed 5-8 years	75	29.1	34	6	34	1	--	--	--
Attended or graduated high school (9-12 yrs.)	100	38.8	48	13	35	1	3	--	--
Attended or graduated college	33	12.8	20	3	5	1	4	--	--
Unknown	31	12.0	6	5	15	3	--	--	2
Total	258	100.0	110	30	103	6	7	--	2

Table 39.--EDUCATION OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, APRIL 1956

Extent of education	Total blind clients		Major type of employment							
	Number	Percent	Sheltered workshop	Home industries	Competitive employment	Self-employed	Housewife	Student	Other	Unknown
None	4	1.5	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	2
4 years or less	15	5.8	5	1	4	--	--	--	--	5
Completed 5 - 8 years	75	29.1	23	2	21	6	--	--	--	23
Attended or graduated high school (9-12 yrs.)	100	38.8	21	1	45	4	1	3	--	25
Attended or graduated college	33	12.8	1	--	23	1	--	4	--	4
Unknown	31	12.0	6	3	7	2	2	--	1	10
Total	258	100.0	57	7	101	13	3	7	1	69

Table 40.--MOST USUAL METHOD OF MOBILITY OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BY DEGREE OF VISION, APRIL 1956

Method of mobility	Total blind clients		Degree of Vision							
	Number	Percent	Absolute Blindness	Light perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-9/200	10/200-19/200	20/200	Restricted field (under 20°)	Unknown
Homebound (due to illness)....	157	20.5	66	42	4	4	2	2	2	35
Homebound (for reasons other than illness).....	54	7.0	12	16	2	1	--	3	2	18
Travels with sighted person...	214	27.8	68	44	27	7	10	17	13	28
Travels with guide dog.....	1	0.1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Travels with cane.....	118	15.3	45	25	11	3	5	14	7	8
Travels without aid of any kind.....	178	23.1	9	15	26	18	17	32	44	17
Unknown.....	48	6.2	15	3	3	2	1	5	4	15
Total.....	770	100.0	215	146	73	35	35	73	72	121

Table 41.--MOST USUAL METHOD OF MOBILITY OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Usual method of mobility	Total blind clients		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Homebound (due to illness)....	157	20.5	64	25	39	93	32	61	--	--	--
Homebound (for reasons other than illness)..	54	7.0	22	11	11	31	11	20	1	1	--
Travels with sighted person.....	214	27.8	36	16	20	177	64	113	1	--	1
Travels with guide dog.....	1	0.1	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--
Travels with cane.....	118	15.3	38	33	5	80	63	17	--	--	--
Travels without aid of any kind.....	178	23.1	85	54	31	93	43	50	--	--	--
Unknown.....	48	6.2	16	4	12	32	14	18	--	--	--
Total.....	770	100.0	261	143	118	507	228	279	2	1	1

Table 42.--MOST USUAL METHOD OF MOBILITY OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY AGE, APRIL 1956

Usual method of mobility	Total blind clients		Age group by years													
	Number	Percent	15-18	19-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75 and over	Unknown
Homebound (due to illness).....	157	20.5	--	2	1	--	5	7	7	6	12	15	14	21	67	--
Homebound (for reasons other than illness).....	54	7.0	--	--	1	--	--	1	1	3	6	3	9	7	22	1
Travels with sighted person.....	214	27.8	--	--	4	8	10	17	18	25	31	30	31	15	24	1
Travels with guide dog.....	1	0.1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Travels with cane.....	118	15.3	--	3	6	16	9	13	13	15	15	11	7	3	7	--
Travels without aid of any kind.....	178	23.1	2	8	11	11	14	17	17	18	21	28	12	8	9	2
Unknown.....	48	6.2	--	--	--	2	2	--	2	7	6	6	1	4	2	16
Total.....	770	100.0	2	13	23	37	40	56	58	74	91	93	74	58	131	20

Table 43.--MOST USUAL METHOD OF MOBILITY OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY EMPLOYABILITY, APRIL 1956

Usual method of mobility	Total blind clients		Employability		
	Number	Percent	Employable	Unemployable	Unknown
Homebound (due to illness).....	157	20.4	2	155	--
Homebound (for reasons other than illness).....	54	7.0	2	50	2
Travels with sighted person.....	214	27.8	50	154	10
Travels with guide dog.....	1	.1	1	--	--
Travels with cane.....	118	15.3	75	38	5
Travels without aid of any kind.....	178	23.1	125	47	6
Unknown.....	48	6.3	3	19	26
Total.....	770	100.0	258	463	49

Table 44.—MOST USUAL METHOD OF MOBILITY OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BY MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS, APRIL 1956

Method of mobility	Total blind clients		Major employment status						
	Number	Percent	Employed full time	Employed part time	Unemployed	Housewife	Student	Other	Unknown
Homebound (due to illness)....	2	0.8	--	--	2	--	--	--	--
Homebound (for reasons other than illness).....	2	0.8	--	1	1	--	--	--	--
Travels with sighted person.....	50	19.4	18	3	27	2	--	--	--
Travels with guide dog.....	1	0.4	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Travels with cane.....	75	29.1	31	16	25	1	1	--	1
Travels without aid of any kind.....	125	48.4	58	10	47	3	6	--	1
Unknown.....	3	1.1	2	--	1	--	--	--	--
Total.....	258	100.0	110	30	103	6	7	--	2

Table 45.--MOST USUAL METHOD OF MOBILITY OF 258 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT, APRIL 1956

Method of mobility	Total blind clients		Major type of employment							
	Number	Percent	Sheltered workshop	Home industries	Competitive employment	Self-employed	Housewife	Student	Other	Unknown
Homebound (due to illness).....	2	0.8	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1
Homebound (for reasons other than illness).....	2	0.8	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1
Travels with sighted person.....	50	19.4	9	2	20	1	1	--	1	16
Travels with guide dog....	1	0.4	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Travels with cane.....	75	29.1	22	3	28	7	--	1	--	14
Travels without aid of any kind.....	125	48.4	25	--	51	4	2	6	--	37
Unknown.....	3	1.1	1	--	2	--	--	--	--	--
Total.....	258	100.0	57	7	101	13	3	7	1	69

Table 46.--INCIDENCE OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES IN ADDITION TO BLINDNESS OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY METHOD OF MOBILITY, APRIL 1956

Type of physical or mental disability	Total clients with disability	Usual method of mobility						
		Homebound (illness)	Homebound (not illness)	Travels with sighted person	Travels with guide dog	Travels with cane	Travels without any aid	Unknown
Respiratory system.....	19	4	1	7	--	3	3	1
Blood and blood-forming organs.....	7	2	--	3	--	--	1	1
Heart and circulation....	137	60	18	27	--	10	17	5
Skeleton and muscles.....	64	19	3	22	1	10	9	--
Brain & nervous system...	46	19	2	10	--	8	6	1
Digestive system.....	12	2	1	3	--	2	3	1
Reproductive system.....	16	4	1	7	--	1	2	1
Ear.....	43	21	3	6	--	8	3	2
Mental deficiency and retardation.....	31	19	1	8	--	2	1	--
Emotional disorder.....	7	2	--	1	--	1	2	1
Psychosis.....	71	67	2	1	--	--	1	--
Diabetes.....	69	24	6	17	--	9	11	2
Senility.....	13	9	2	2	--	--	--	--
Other.....	12	1	1	5	--	1	2	2
Unknown.....	153	6	12	61	--	14	33	27
Total.....	540*	259	53	180	1	69	94	44

*Of the 770 adult blind clients studied, 540 were reported as having physical or mental disabilities in addition to blindness.

Table 47.--LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY DEGREE OF VISION, APRIL 1956

Living arrangements	Total blind clients		Degree of vision							
	Number	Percent	Absolute blindness	Light perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-9/200	10/200-19/200	20/200	Restricted field (under 20°)	Unknown
Living alone (in own household).....	63	8.1	12	13	8	3	6	9	7	5
Rooming or boarding.....	98	12.7	27	16	10	3	5	14	10	13
Living with friend.....	34	4.4	9	12	3	2	1	1	3	3
Living with parents.....	38	5.0	7	7	4	2	2	2	10	4
Living with spouse or children.....	211	27.4	50	34	27	18	8	22	29	23
In home of adult child.....	39	5.1	8	8	7	2	3	7	1	3
With other relatives.....	76	9.9	25	8	8	3	6	10	2	14
In institution.....	192	25.0	74	48	6	2	3	4	7	48
Other.....	1	0.1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	18	2.3	2	--	--	--	1	4	3	8
Total.....	770	100.0	215	146	73	35	35	73	72	121

Table 48.--LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY AGE, APRIL 1956

Living arrangements	Total blind clients		Age group by years													
	Number	Percent	15-18	19-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75 and over	Unknown
Living alone (in own household)..	63	8.1	--	--	--	5	3	2	6	9	11	11	6	5	4	1
Rooming or boarding.....	98	12.7	--	1	2	3	5	7	7	15	13	19	12	6	8	--
Living with friend.....	34	4.4	--	--	2	--	1	3	2	3	7	6	1	4	5	--
Living with parents.....	38	5.0	1	8	7	3	6	2	6	3	2	--	--	--	--	--
Living with spouse or children...	211	27.4	--	2	6	17	15	29	24	28	31	26	20	6	5	2
In home of adult child.....	39	5.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	2	7	7	3	17	--
With other relatives.....	76	9.9	1	--	5	8	4	5	3	5	7	7	9	8	14	--
In institution.....	192	25.0	--	2	1	1	6	8	9	8	18	16	19	26	76	2
Other.....	1	0.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
Unknown.....	18	2.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	1	15
Total.....	770	100.0	2	13	23	37	40	56	58	74	91	93	74	58	131	20

Table 49.--LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF 770 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Living arrangements	Total blind clients		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Living alone (in own household).....	63	8.2	21	7	14	42	19	23	--	--	--
Rooming or boarding.....	98	12.7	18	15	3	80	39	41	--	--	--
Living with friend.....	34	4.4	2	1	1	32	15	17	--	--	--
Living with parents.....	38	5.0	20	13	7	17	8	9	1	--	1
Living with spouse or children.....	211	27.4	84	60	24	127	85	42	--	--	--
In home of adult child.....	39	5.0	3	1	2	36	5	31	--	--	--
With other relatives.....	76	9.9	10	5	5	66	20	46	--	--	--
In institution....	192	25.0	96	40	56	95	33	62	1	1	--
Other.....	1	.1	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	--
Unknown.....	18	2.3	7	1	6	11	4	7	--	--	--
Total.....	770	100.0	261	143	118	507	228	279	2	1	1

Table 50.--TYPE OF SERVICES RENDERED 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY SEX AND AGE GROUP, APRIL 1956

Type of services	Total persons receiving services	Sex		Age group by years															
		Male	Female	1-5	6-14	15-18	19-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75 & over	Unknown
Vocational.....	223	149	74	--	2	4	9	18	26	29	34	26	35	22	10	4	1	1	2
Medical.....	452	207	245	19	8	4	11	14	22	16	23	30	28	45	58	49	34	90	1
Education.....	54	33	21	7	25	11	4	4	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--
Social casework..	539	253	286	40	18	5	4	13	19	18	27	35	49	66	73	57	39	75	1
Financial assistance.....	320	160	160	7	2	1	6	12	16	11	26	30	42	46	41	31	21	28	--
Training to meet daily needs....	175	87	88	35	23	5	8	10	11	9	9	13	10	15	5	4	5	12	1
Recreation.....	34	17	17	8	8	3	--	--	--	1	1	1	1	--	5	1	2	2	1
Social group work.....	20	10	10	15	3	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	---	--	--	1	--	--
Psychological & psychiatric....	169	80	89	11	12	4	5	7	9	12	12	13	8	10	8	7	13	38	--
Institutional care.....	189	83	106	2	8	3	3	1	1	7	7	7	8	14	16	18	24	69	1
Library.....	48	--													2	1	3	1	15
															9	6	7	16	3
				7	178	150	332	25											
				total number of blind persons.															

Note on Library Services: Library of Congress services to 636 blind individuals about whose social characteristics information was not available are not included in this table. The term "Library Service" was defined in this study as Reader's advisory service and/or the distribution of braille and Talking Books and of Talking Book machines. The 48 instances of library services cited were reported by the Children's Hospital, the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, and the D. C. Village.

Table 50.--TYPE OF SERVICES RENDERED 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY SEX AND AGE GROUP, APRIL 1956

Type of services	Total persons receiving services	Sex		Age group by years															
		Male	Female	1-5	6-14	15-18	19-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75 & over	Unknown
Vocational.....	223	149	74	--	2	4	9	18	26	29	34	26	35	22	10	4	1	1	2
Medical.....	452	207	245	19	8	4	11	14	22	16	23	30	28	45	58	49	34	90	1
Education.....	54	33	21	7	25	11	4	4	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--
Social casework..	539	253	286	40	18	5	4	13	19	18	27	35	49	66	73	57	39	75	1
Financial assistance.....	320	160	160	7	2	1	6	12	16	11	26	30	42	46	41	31	21	28	--
Training to meet daily needs....	175	87	88	35	23	5	8	10	11	9	9	13	10	15	5	4	5	12	1
Recreation.....	34	17	17	8	8	3	--	--	--	1	1	1	1	--	5	1	2	2	1
Social group work.....	20	10	10	15	3	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	---	--	--	1	--	--
Psychological & psychiatric....	169	80	89	11	12	4	5	7	9	12	12	13	8	10	8	7	13	38	--
Institutional care.....	189	83	106	2	8	3	3	1	1	7	7	7	8	14	16	18	24	69	1
Library.....	48	17	31	12	1	--	--	--	3	--	2	3	3	2	2	1	3	1	15
Information and referral.....	136	62	74	31	13	1	1	3	9	7	6	11	5	8	9	6	7	16	3
Total.....	2,359*	1,158	1,201	187	123	41	51	83	117	110	147	169	190	229	227	178	150	332	25

*Many persons are receiving more than one type of service; therefore, there are duplications in the total number of blind persons.

Table 51.--TYPE OF SERVICES RENDERED 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY RACE, APRIL 1956

Type of service	Total blind persons		White	Negro	Unknown and Other
	Number	Percent			
Vocational.....	223	25.1	113	108	2
Medical.....	452	51.0	143	309	--
Education.....	54	6.1	25	19	10
Social casework.....	539	61.0	149	389	1
Financial assistance.....	320	36.1	62	258	--
Training to meet daily needs.....	175	19.7	70	105	--
Recreation.....	34	3.8	23	11	--
Social group work.....	20	2.3	18	2	--
Psychological and psychiatric.....	169	19.1	74	95	--
Institutional care.....	189	21.3	90	98	1
Library.....	48	5.4	23	25	--
Information and referral.....	136	15.3	53	83	--
Total.....	2,359*	266.2*	843	1,502	14

*Of the 887 blind persons studied, many were receiving more than one type of service; therefore, there are duplications in the total number. Multiple answer question has a percentage total greater than 100%.

Table 52.--TYPE OF SERVICES RENDERED 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. BY DEGREE OF VISION, APRIL 1956

Type of service	Total persons receiving services	Degree of vision							
		Absolute blindness	Light perception only	Motion perception to 5/200	5/200-9/200	10/200-19/200	20/200	Restricted field (under 20°)	Unknown
Vocational	223	53	31	25	18	10	24	53	9
Medical	452	127	99	45	18	22	45	52	44
Education	54	9	4	--	1	4	13	5	18
Social casework	539	136	105	47	19	31	59	37	105
Financial assistance	320	75	70	27	18	18	33	40	39
Training to meet daily needs	175	37	38	11	6	3	15	25	40
Recreation	34	3	2	1	--	--	3	3	22
Social group work	20	5	11	--	--	--	--	--	4
Psychological and psychiatric	169	56	46	2	4	2	2	18	39
Institutional care	189	72	48	5	--	1	3	4	56
Library	48	15	5	3	--	3	5	8	9
Information and referral	136	44	32	7	3	5	7	5	33
Total	2,359*	632	491	173	87	99	209	250	418

*Of the 887 persons studied, many are receiving more than one type of service; therefore, there are duplications in the total figure.

Table 53.--NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL SERVICES RENDERED 887 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY SEX AND AGE GROUP, APRIL 1956

Number of services rendered individual persons	Total blind persons		Sex		Age group by years															
	Number	Percent	Male	Female	1-5	6-14	15-18	19-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75 & over	Unknown
One.....	218	24.6	119	99	13	19	13	4	4	7	15	18	14	20	15	14	11	10	23	18
Two.....	234	26.4	113	121	4	9	1	1	3	10	5	12	14	22	38	40	29	16	29	1
Three.....	231	26.0	101	130	4	2	2	3	6	6	7	11	11	15	21	27	28	23	65	--
Four or more..	204	23.0	106	98	30	15	4	8	10	14	13	15	19	17	17	12	6	9	14	1
Total.....	887	100.0	439	448	51	45	20	16	23	37	40	56	58	74	91	93	74	58	131	20

Table 54.--NUMBER OF AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. SERVING EACH OF 887 BLIND PERSONS, BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Number of agencies and schools to which individual is known	Total blind persons		White			Negro			Unknown and Other		
	Number	Percent	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
One.....	717	80.8	273	143	130	432	197	235	12	10	2
Two.....	130	14.7	47	27	20	83	42	41	--	--	--
Three.....	33	3.7	6	4	2	27	12	15	--	--	--
Four or more....	7	0.8	1	1	--	6	3	3	--	--	--
Total.....	887	100.0	327	175	152	548	254	294	12	10	2

Table 55.--SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SERVING BLIND PERSONS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 1956

Agency	Number of blind persons served
Domiciliary	
Washington Home for the Blind	11
Public Assistance (A. B.)	
Department of Public Welfare (Public Assistance Division)	246
Sheltered Workshop and/or Employment	
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind	75
Washington Society for the Blind	72
Community Organizations and Associations	
Blinded Veterans Association, Inc.	17
District of Columbia Association of Workers for the Blind	--*
Parents of Blind Children of Metropolitan Washington	--*
Vocational Training and Rehabilitation	
D. C. Department of Vocational Rehabilitation	115
Educational	
Library of Congress	636**
Public Schools, Board of Education, D. C.	37
Family and Children's Services (Casework)	
Family and Child Services of Washington, Department for the Blind	25
Total	1,234

*Number unknown.

**Actual schedules not received.

Table 56.--NON-SPECIALIZED AGENCIES* SERVING BLIND PERSONS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AS OF APRIL 1956

Type of agency	Agency services to blind persons		Number of agencies currently serving blind persons	Number of blind persons currently served by non-specialized agencies
	Available	Not available		
Domiciliary (non-profit).....	17	22	5	56**
Domiciliary (profit)...	15	10	2	2
Corrective and protective.....	3	--	--	--
Veterans services.....	2	--	1	32
Recreation & group work (includes day care).....	12	11	1	1
Housing, shelter.....	1	--	1	17
Sheltered workshop and/or employment....	2	--	2	15
Education.....	2	1	--	--
Vocational training & rehabilitation.....	1	--	1	1
Family & children's services (casework)..	12	3	2	4
Direct health and hospital services....	25	5	9	349
Community organization & association.....	6	2	1	1
Public assistance.....	3	--	3	137
Totals.....	101***	54***	28****	615

*"Non-specialized" agencies, as used in this table, refer to those agencies that do not have a special program of services for blind persons.

**District of Columbia Village Agency was serving 40 of these 56 blind persons as of April 1956.

***101 is 65% and 54 is 38% of the total non-specialized agencies.

****36.1% of total of the 101 non-specialized agencies replying that their services are available.

APPENDICES

A. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.*

B. PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD.*

*The overall totals for services to the blind in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties suggest that the data for these areas is incomplete. While the tables that follow are of interest as indicators of likely patterns of service in these areas, they are inadequate for utilization in community planning. Further study is required if valid conclusions on the nature and extent of services to the blind in these counties are to be reached.

Table A1.--AGE GROUP OF 51 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Age group	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Under 1 year	3	3	2	1	--	--	--
1 - 2	3	3	2	1	--	--	--
3 - 5	3	3	--	3	--	--	--
6 - 14	9	7	2	5	2	2	--
15 - 18	2	2	--	2	--	--	--
19 - 24	1	--	--	--	1	--	1
25 - 29	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
30 - 34	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
35 - 39	2	2	1	1	--	--	--
40 - 44	2	2	2	--	--	--	--
45 - 49	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
50 - 54	4	2	1	1	2	2	--
55 - 59	6	3	2	1	3	2	1
60 - 64	4	3	2	1	1	--	1
65 - 69	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
70 - 74	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
75 and over	7	7	1	6	--	--	--
Unknown	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
Total	51	42	17	25	9	6	3

Table A2.--MARITAL STATUS OF 31 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Marital status	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Single	11	9	5	4	2	1	1
Married	8	6	4	2	2	1	1
Widowed	8	7	1	6	1	--	1
Divorced	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Separated	3	1	--	1	2	2	--
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	31	24	11	13	7	4	3

Table A3.--EMPLOYABILITY OF 31 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Employability	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Employable.....	8	6	4	2	2	--	2
Unemployable.....	21	16	5	11	5	4	1
Unknown.....	2	2	2	--	--	--	--
Total.....	31	24	11	13	7	4	3

Table A4.--MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF 8 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIA AGENCIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY SEX, APRIL 1956

Major employment status	Total blind clients		
	Number	Male	Female
Employed full time.....	1	--	1
Employed part time.....	--	--	--
Unemployed.....	5	4	1
Housewife.....	1	--	1
Student.....	1	--	1
Other.....	--	--	--
Unknown.....	--	--	--
Total.....	8	4	4

Table A5 .--MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF 8 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Major employment status	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Employed full time.....	1	--	--	--	1	--	1
Employed part time.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unemployed.....	5	5	4	1	--	--	--
Housewife.....	1	--	--	--	1	--	1
Student.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total.....	8	6	4	2	2	--	2

Table A6.--MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT OF 8 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Major type of employment	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Sheltered workshop.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Home industries.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Competitive employment.....	6	5	4	1	1	--	1
Self-employed.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Housewife.....	1	--	--	--	1	--	1
Student.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total.....	8	6	4	2	2	--	2

Table A7.--MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT OF 3 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS WHO ARE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED, KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY SEX, APRIL 1956

Major type of employment	Total blind clients	Male	Female
	Number		
Sheltered workshop.....	--	--	--
Home industries.....	--	--	--
Competitive employment.....	1	--	1
Self-employed.....	--	--	--
Housewife.....	1	--	1
Student.....	1	--	1
Other.....	--	--	--
Unknown.....	--	--	--
Total.....	3	--	3

Table A8.--DEGREE OF VISION OF 51 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Degree of vision in better eye	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Absolute blindness.....	15	13	6	7	2	2	--
Light perception only.....	15	15	4	11	--	--	--
Motion perception up to 5/200.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/200 - 9/200.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
10/200 - 19/200.....	2	1	1	--	1	--	1
20/200.....	9	5	3	2	4	3	1
Restricted field (under 20°).....	4	4	3	1	--	--	--
Unknown.....	5	3	--	3	2	1	1
Total.....	51	42	17	25	9	6	3

Table A9.--OPHTHALMOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF 51 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Ophthalmological examination	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Examination made by ophthalmologist.....	36	28	14	14	8	5	3
Examination made by optometrist.....	2	1	--	1	1	1	--
Examination made by other type of doctor.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
Unknown.....	12	12	3	9	--	--	--
Total.....	51	42	17	25	9	6	3

Table A10.--YEAR OF LAST OPHTHALMOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF 51 BLIND PERSONS (WITH SOME VISION) KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Year	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1955 - 1956.....	12	7	5	2	5	3	2
1953 - 1954.....	6	6	4	2	--	--	--
1951 - 1952.....	2	2	1	1	--	--	--
1949 - 1950.....	7	4	1	3	3	2	1
1947 - 1948.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
1945 - 1946.....	5	4	1	3	1	1	--
1943 - 1944.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
1941 - 1942.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1939 - 1940.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Prior to 1939.....	3	3	1	2	--	--	--
Unknown.....	13	13	3	10	--	--	--
Total.....	51	42	17	25	9	6	3

Table A11.--HEARING EXAMINATION OF 51 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Hearing examination	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Has had a hearing examination.....	10	9	5	4	1	--	1
Has not had a hearing examination.....	6	4	--	4	2	2	--
Unknown.....	35	29	12	17	6	4	2
Total.....	51	42	17	25	9	6	3

Table A12.--AGE WHEN DEFECTIVE VISION WAS FIRST DIAGNOSED FOR 51 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY SEX, APRIL 1956

Age defective vision first diagnosed	Total blind persons Number	Male	Female
At birth	3	1	2
Under 1 year	14	4	10
1 - 2	3	1	2
3 - 5	--	--	--
6 - 14	5	5	--
15 - 18	1	--	1
19 - 24	--	--	--
25 - 29	--	--	--
30 - 34	1	1	--
35 - 39	3	2	1
40 - 44	4	3	1
45 - 49	--	--	--
50 - 54	2	1	1
55 - 59	--	--	--
60 - 64	1	1	--
65 - 69	--	--	--
70 - 74	--	--	--
75 and over	--	--	--
Unknown	14	4	10
Total	51	23	28

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Table A13.--INCIDENCE OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES IN ADDITION TO BLINDNESS OF 51 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Type of physical or mental disability	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Respiratory system.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Blood and blood-forming organs.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Heart and circulation.....	8	5	2	3	3	1	2
Skeleton and muscles.....	2	1	--	1	1	1	--
Brain and nervous system.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
Digestive system.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Reproductive system.....	1	--	--	--	1	1	--
Ear.....	3	3	2	1	--	--	--
Mental deficiency and retardation.....	6	6	1	5	--	--	--
Emotional disorder.....	1	--	--	--	1	1	--
Psychosis.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Diabetes.....	3	2	--	2	1	--	1
Senility.....	3	3	1	2	--	--	--
Other.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
Unknown.....	5	5	1	4	--	--	--
Total.....	36*	29	9	20	7	4	3

*Many clients did not have any physical or mental disability in addition to blindness; therefore, totals to this multiple answer question are sometimes lower than the actual number of blind persons studied.

Table A14.--EDUCATION OF 31 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Extent of education	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
None	4	2	1	1	2	2	--
4 years or less	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
Completed 5-8 years	2	1	1	--	1	1	--
Attended or graduated high school (9-12 yrs.)	4	4	2	2	--	--	--
Attended or graduated college	5	5	3	2	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown	15	11	4	7	4	1	3
Total	31	24	11	13	7	4	3

Table A15.--MOST USUAL METHOD OF MOBILITY OF 31 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Usual method of mobility	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Homebound (due to illness).....	8	7	1	6	1	1	--
Homebound (for reasons other than illness).....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
Travels with sighted person.....	12	9	4	5	3	1	2
Travels with guide dog.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Travels with cane.....	2	1	1	--	1	1	--
Travels without aid of any kind.....	7	5	4	1	2	1	1
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total.....	31	24	11	13	7	4	3

Table A16.--LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF 31 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Living arrangements	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Living alone (in own household).....	1	--	--	--	1	1	--
Rooming or boarding.....	9	6	2	4	3	2	1
Living with friend.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Living with parents.....	2	1	--	1	1	--	1
Living with spouse or children.....	7	6	4	2	1	--	1
In home of adult child.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
With other relative.....	4	3	3	--	1	1	--
In institution.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
Unknown.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Total.....	31	24	11	13	7	4	3

Table A18.--NUMBER OF INSTANCES IN WHICH BLIND INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE SERVICES OF ONE OR MORE AGENCIES OR SCHOOLS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Number of agencies and schools serving blind individuals	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
One.....	44	35	14	21	9	6	3
Two.....	7	7	3	4	--	--	--
Three.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Four.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total.....	51	42	17	25	9	6	3

Table A19.--SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SERVING BLIND PERSONS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., APRIL 1956

Agency	Number of blind persons served
Public Assistance (A. B.)	
Montgomery County Welfare Board.....	10
Sheltered Workshop and/or Employment	
State of Maryland, Department of Employment Security.....	2
Community Organizations and Associations	
Blinded Veterans Association, Inc.	--
Vocational Training and Rehabilitation	
Vocational Rehabilitation Division of Maryland.....	8
Educational	
Board of Education, Rockville, Md.	21
Total	41

Table B1.--AGE GROUP OF 35 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Age group	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Under 1 year.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1 - 2.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
3 - 5.....	6	6	4	2	--	--	--
6 - 14.....	8	8	4	4	--	--	--
15 - 18.....	1	1	1	1	--	--	--
19 - 24.....	2	2	--	2	--	--	--
25 - 29.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
30 - 34.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
35 - 39.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
40 - 44.....	1	--	--	--	1	--	1
45 - 49.....	2	2	2	--	--	--	--
50 - 54.....	2	2	2	--	--	--	--
55 - 59.....	3	2	2	--	1	1	--
60 - 64.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
65 - 69.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
70 - 74.....	3	3	1	2	--	--	--
75 and over.....	2	1	--	1	1	1	--
Unknown.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Total.....	35	32	19	13	3	2	1

Table B2.--MARITAL STATUS OF 19 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Marital status	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Single.....	10	9	5	4	1	--	1
Married.....	5	4	4	--	1	1	--
Widowed.....	4	3	--	3	1	1	--
Divorced.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Separated.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total.....	19	16	9	7	3	2	1

Table B3.--EMPLOYABILITY OF 19 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Employability	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Employable.....	10	8	6	2	2	1	1
Unemployable.....	8	7	3	4	1	1	--
Unknown.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
Total.....	19	16	9	7	3	2	1

Table B4.--MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF 10 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY SEX, APRIL 1956

Major employment status	Total blind clients		
	Number	Male	Female
Employed full time.....	3	3	--
Employed part time.....	--	--	--
Unemployed.....	4	2	2
Housewife.....	1	--	1
Student.....	1	1	--
Other.....	--	--	--
Unknown.....	1	1	--
Total.....	10	7	3

Table B5 .--MAJOR EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF 10 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Major employment status	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Employed full time.....	3	2	2	--	1	1	--
Employed part time.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unemployed.....	4	3	2	1	1	--	1
Housewife.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
Student.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Total.....	10	8	6	2	2	1	1

Table B6 .--MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT OF 10 EMPLOYABLE ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Major type of employment	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Sheltered workshop.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Home industries.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Competitive employment.....	5	5	4	1	--	--	--
Self-employed.....	1	--	--	--	1	1	--
Housewife.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
Student.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	2	1	1	--	1	--	1
Total.....	10	8	6	2	2	1	1

Table B7.--MAJOR TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT OF 5 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS WHO ARE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY SEX, APRIL 1956

Major type of employment	Total blind clients Number	Male	Female
Sheltered workshop.....	--	--	--
Home industries.....	--	--	--
Competitive employment.....	2	2	--
Self-employed.....	1	1	--
Housewife.....	1	--	1
Student.....	1	1	--
Other.....	--	--	--
Unknown.....	--	--	--
Total.....	5	4	1

Table B8 .--DEGREE OF VISION OF 35 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Degree of vision in better eye	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Absolute blindness.....	7	6	3	3	--	--	--
Light perception only.....	4	4	1	3	--	--	--
Motion perception up to 5/200.....	2	2	1	1	--	--	--
5/200 - 9/200.....	2	2	1	1	--	--	--
10/200 - 19/200.....	2	1	1	--	--	1	--
20/200.....	8	8	5	3	--	--	--
Restricted field (under 20°).....	3	2	2	--	--	1	--
Unknown.....	7	7	5	2	--	--	--
Total.....	35	32	19	13	3	2	1

Table B9.--OPHTHALMOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF 35 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Ophthalmological examination	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Examination made by ophthalmologist.....	22	19	13	6	3	2	1
Examination made by optometrist.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Examination made by other type of doctor.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	12	12	5	7	--	--	--
Total.....	35	32	19	13	3	2	1

Table B10.--YEAR OF LAST OPHTHALMOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF 35 BLIND PERSONS (WITH SOME VISION) KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Year	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1955 - 1956.....	6	5	4	1	1	--	1
1953 - 1954.....	3	3	2	1	--	--	--
1951 - 1952.....	5	5	2	3	--	--	--
1949 - 1950.....	3	3	3	--	--	--	--
1947 - 1948.....	3	3	3	--	--	--	--
1945 - 1946.....	4	4	2	2	--	--	--
1943 - 1944.....	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
1941 - 1942.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1939 - 1940.....	2	--	--	--	2	2	--
Prior to 1939.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	8	8	3	5	--	--	--
Total.....	35	32	19	13	3	2	1

Table B11--HEARING EXAMINATIONS OF 35 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Hearing examination	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Has had a hearing examination.....	7	7	4	3	--	--	--
Has not had a hearing examination.....	3	3	--	3	--	--	--
Unknown.....	25	22	15	7	3	2	1
Total.....	35	32	19	13	3	2	1

Table B12.--AGE WHEN DEFECTIVE VISION WAS FIRST DIAGNOSED FOR 35 BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY SEX, APRIL 1956

Age defective vision first diagnosed	Total blind clients	Male	Female
	Number		
At birth	9	6	3
Under 1 year	4	--	4
1 - 2	--	--	--
3 - 5	--	--	--
6 - 14	3	2	1
15 - 18	--	--	--
19 - 24	1	1	--
25 - 29	--	--	--
30 - 34	--	--	--
35 - 39	1	1	--
40 - 44	1	--	1
45 - 49	--	--	--
50 - 54	1	1	--
55 - 59	--	--	--
60 - 64	--	--	--
65 - 69	--	--	--
70 - 74	--	--	--
75 and over	1	--	1
Unknown	14	10	4
Total	35	21	14

Table B13.--INCIDENCE OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES IN ADDITION TO BLINDNESS OF 35 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Type of physical or or mental disability	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Respiratory system.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Blood and blood-forming organs.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Heart and circulation.....	2	2	1	1	--	--	--
Skeleton and muscles.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Brain and nervous system.....	2	2	1	1	--	--	--
Digestive system.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Reproductive system.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ear.....	4	4	3	1	--	--	--
Mental deficiency and retardation.....	3	3	3	--	--	--	--
Emotional disorder.....	3	3	3	--	--	--	--
Psychosis.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Diabetes.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Senility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	10	9	6	3	1	1	--
Total.....	26*	25	19	6	1	1	--

*Many clients did not have any physical or mental disability in addition to blindness; therefore, totals to this multiple answer question are sometimes lower than the actual number of blind persons studied.

Table B14--EDUCATION OF 19 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Extent of education	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
None.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4 years or less.....	2	2	2	--	--	--	--
Completed 5-8 years.....	5	4	--	4	1	1	--
Attended or graduated high school (9-12 yrs.)..	6	6	4	2	--	--	--
Attended or graduated college.....	2	1	--	1	1	--	1
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	4	3	3	--	1	1	--
Total.....	19	16	9	7	3	2	1

Table B15.--MOST USUAL METHOD OF MOBILITY OF 19 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Usual method of mobility	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Homebound (due to illness).....	3	2	--	2	1	1	--
Homebound (for reasons other than illness).....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Travels with sighted person.....	6	4	2	2	2	1	1
Travels with guide dog.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Travels with cane.....	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
Travels without aid of any kind.....	8	8	5	3	--	--	--
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total.....	19	16	9	7	3	2	1

Table B16.--LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF 19 ADULT BLIND CLIENTS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Living arrangements	Total blind clients	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Living alone (in own household).....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rooming or boarding.....	7	7	2	5	--	--	--
Living with friend.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Living with parents.....	3	3	1	2	--	--	--
Living with spouse or children.....	4	3	3	--	1	1	--
In home of adult child.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
With other relative.....	4	3	3	--	1	--	1
In institution.....	1	--	--	--	1	1	--
Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unknown.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total.....	19	16	9	7	3	2	1

Table B17.--TYPE OF SERVICES RENDERED 35 BLIND PERSONS KNOWN TO SOCIAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE, APRIL 1956

Type of service	Total blind persons		
	Number	White	Negro
Vocational	9	8	1
Medical	3	2	1
Education	10	10	--
Social casework	2	2	--
Financial assistance	9	7	2
Training to meet daily needs	1	1	--
Recreation	--	--	--
Social group work	--	--	--
Psychological and psychiatric	--	--	--
Institutional care	1	1	--
Library	2	2	--
Information and referral	12	12	--
Total	49*	45	4

*Multiple answer; therefore, total is greater than 35.

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Table B18.--NUMBER OF INSTANCES IN WHICH BLIND INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE SERVICES OF ONE OR MORE AGENCIES OR SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., BY RACE AND SEX, APRIL 1956

Number of agencies and schools serving blind individuals	Total blind persons	White			Negro		
	Number	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
One.....	33	30	17	13	3	2	1
Two.....	2	2	2	--	--	--	--
Three.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Four.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total.....	35	32	19	13	3	2	1

Table B19.--SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SERVING BLIND PERSONS IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD., APRIL 1956

Agency	Number of blind persons served
Public Assistance (A. B.)	
Prince Georges County Welfare Board.....	8
Community Organizations and Associations	
Blinded Veterans Association, Inc.	--
Vocational Training and Rehabilitation	
Vocational Rehabilitation Division of Maryland.....	9
Educational	
Board of Education of Prince Georges County.....	25
Total	42

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